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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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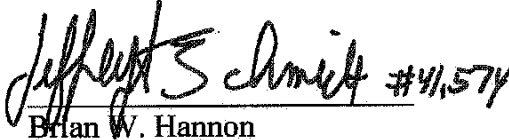
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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations: English language abstracts, submitted herewith, constitutes a concise statement of relevance for JP-A-2000-231417; 7-113826; 9-145749; 10-335998; 2000-235424; 08-307221 and WO 00/79682.

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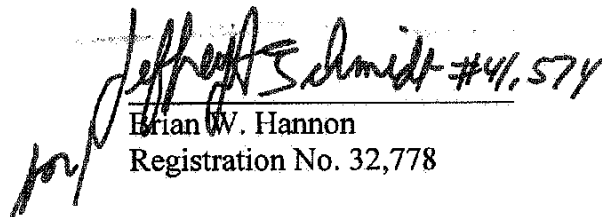
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